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CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is likely to be three fold increase in the number of Child Labour by the year 2000 keeping in view the present labour force and the appraisal made by the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the corrective action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): As per information received from the Planning Commission, an earlier assessment made in Seventh Five Year Plan document released in November, 1985 projected an increase in number of children in the Labour force from 16.81 million in 1980 to 20.25 million in the year 2000. This was based on Labour Force Participation Rates recorded in 1977-78 by the National Sample Survey Organisation and the then projections of population. A recent projection of number of full time Child Workers reported in a study by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research indicates a reduction in Child Labour from 12.08 million in 1991 to 10.99 million in 2001.